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## **ADEQ to Sponsor Water Quality Testing Event at Hassayampa River Preserve on Saturday, Oct. 5**

PHOENIX (Sept. 27, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials today announced that they will sponsor a water quality testing event for the Wickenburg area from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at The Nature Conservancy's Hassayampa River Preserve, 49614 Highway 60, milepost 114.

The event is open to all those aged 10 through adults and is being held in conjunction with World Water Monitoring Day, which was observed on Sept. 18. Reservations are required for the event and can be made by calling (928) 684-2772 or emailing [bmccollum@tnc.org](mailto:bmccollum@tnc.org).

Those participating will be divided into groups and given kits to test for pH balance, temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity in the water. The event will be conducted on the shores of the Hassayampa River, three miles southeast of Wickenburg. The event is part of ADEQ's water education efforts around the state through the agency's Children's Environmental Health program.

"Water testing events like this on the Hassayampa River and throughout the state increase environmental awareness and help people of all ages protect public health year-round," ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said.